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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DEA STAFFING AND NEW OFFICE IN CURACAO

REF: A) CURACAO 0005; B) STATE 283447; C) STATE 12575;
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FOR ARA-CAR BURKE AND HIGH

1. ON RECEIPT OF REF C I ARRANGED IMMEDIATE MEETING WITH
NA JUSTICE MINISTER VOS. ACCOMPANIED BY ECON/COMMERCIAL
OFFICER DONALD KREISBERG I CALLED ON VOS AND STRONGLY AGAIN
MADE REQUEST FOR PLACING A DEA OFFICE AND AGENTS IN CURACAO.
I STRESSED THE DEPT'S AND DEA'S URGENCY AND I ALSO STRONGLY
AGAIN MADE POINTS IN PARA 2 OF REF B AND IN PARA B OF REF D.

2. MINISTER VOS AGAIN STATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE
WITH DEA BUT, AGAIN EMPHASIZED POSSIBLE POLITICAL PROBLEMS
THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF DEA OFFICE COULD BRING TO GNA. HE
REITERATED HIS VIEWS ON THE MATTER REPORTED IN CURACAO 0005.
MINISTER VOS STATED THAT HE HAD ALREADY PRESENTED THE MATTER
TO THE FULL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN AN INFORMAL MEETING. HE
SAID IT WAS FULLY DISCUSSED AND EVERYMINISTER OF THE NA INCLUDING
PRIME MINISTER EVERTSZ OPPOSED PLACING DEA AGENTS AND A DEA OFFICE
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IN CURACAO. HE FURTHER ADDED THAT HE WOULD FORMALLY PLACE THE

MATTER BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR THEIR FINAL VOTE. PROBABLY WITHIN THE WEEK. HIS PREDICTION WAS THE VOTE WOULD BE UNANIMOUSLY NEGATIVE. AFTER THE FINAL VOTE HE STATED HE WOULD PROVIDE A REPLY IN WRITING TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL, (FULL TEXT WILL BE SENT TO THE DEPT IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT).

3. COMMENT: I AM SURE, AND MINISTER VOS SO REASSURED ME, THE GNA WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE DEA PROGRAM IN ANY WAY IT CONSIDERS FEASIBLE BUT IT WILL NOT RISK THE UNFAVORABLE POLITICAL IMPACT OF PERMITTING RESIDENT AGENTS AND THE OPENING OF A DEA OFFICE IN CURACAO.

WHILE VOS AND OTHER OFFICIALS ARE WELL AWARE THE DEA MISSION IS SOLELY

IN PURSUIT OF DANGEROUS DRUGS, HE AND THE OTHERS OF THE CABINET GREATLY FEAR THE LEFT WING OPPOSITION WILL MAKE STRONGEST POLITICAL CAPITAL AGAINST PLACEMENT OF DEA AGENTS AND WILL USE THIS AS AN POWERFUL WEAPON AGAINST THE CURRENT COALITION GOVERNMENT. THE GNA SIMPLY WILL NOT FACE THIS RISK DESPITE THE STRONGEST URGING THAT HAS BEEN MADE BY THE CONGEN. MINISTER VOS HAS STATED HE IS SPEAKING FOR ALL THE NA CABINET AND THE PRIME MINISTER IN THIS MATTER.
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